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In re application of John STRASSNER

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 17, 2007, the Examiner requested that the Applicants elect among the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-7, drawn to a system of network management configuration, classified in class 709, subclass 223.

Group II: Claims 8-13, drawn to a network data structure, classified in class 709, subclass 220.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-7 for prosecution on the merits.

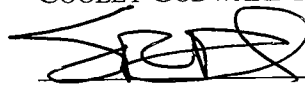
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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